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Bulldog soldiers encourage residents to report enemy

By: Sgt. Christopher Stanis, 1AD PAO

BAGHDAD, Iraq – The 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, attached to 1st Armored Division's 3rd Brigade Combat team, conducted Operation Recruiter, a battalion-sized operation, in Baghdad's Al Adil neighborhood Dec. 13 to encourage residents to offer information about enemy activity.

Al Adil was selected for the operation because of a recent spate of attacks on neighborhood advisory council members and translators in the area, said Lt. Col. Eric Nantz, 1-325 AIR commander.

"We are sorry for that," one homeowner said about the recent attacks. "We want to be safe here."

Additionally, the battalion is searching for a man suspected of involvement with the recent death of a soldier.

"We believe he was involved in the death of Spc. (Simeon) Hunte and (injury of) Capt. Shawn McWilliams (both from 1st Bn., 13th Tank Regiment,)" Nantz said.

Hunt was shot while on patrol in the Shullah neighborhood; McWilliams was injured in an improvised explosive attack in the Khadra neighborhood.

Approximately 700 soldiers walked the streets of the one-square-kilometer Adil neighborhood seeking any information leading to the arrest of anti-coalition forces.

While on the scene, elements of 1-325's Company D searched a series of houses because of a report of one may contain a "suicide vest" – a vest strapped with explosives and used for a suicide bombing.

The search turned up empty, but no tip can be dismissed, said 1st Lt. Britton Crafton, 3rd Platoon leader for Co. D.

"(Sometimes) people report someone (falsely) because of a grudge ... because they're angry (with a neighbor)," Crafton said. "But we still have to search the houses."

During the operation, soldiers distributed wanted posters for suspected insurgents and



First Lt. Britton Crafton, a platoon leader with 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment's Company D, talks to an Iraqi citizen about the rewards for reporting information leading to the arrest of anti-coalition forces.

handbills requesting information on the recent attacks.

A method for reporting enemy activity was also provided to the residents.

Nantz said his battalion has already received tips through the hotline and expects more information once word of it spreads.

"We just have to give it a little time," he said.

The key in the operation is getting the Iraqis involved in the security of their home, he said.

"It's all about stabilizing the community," Nantz said. "(Iraqis) must take responsibility and ownership of (their) new freedom."

The Old Ironsides Report

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News...

Iran's Khatami Thanks U.S. for Quake Aid

BAM, Iran (AP) - Iran's president thanked his country's biggest enemy, the United States, for sending help after this weekend's devastating earthquake, as survivors Tuesday mobbed relief trucks and bulldozers dug trench after trench to fill with the white-shrouded bodies of the dead. International relief workers said they were shifting their focus from searching for survivors in the flattened city of Bam to helping the injured and homes - and burying the corpses still being pulled from the rubble.

Ridge Hails Response to Air Marshal Order

WASHINGTON (AP) - Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge on Tuesday hailed the response of other nations so far in the U.S. quest to get air marshals deployed, if necessary, to protect commercial airplanes against terrorist attack. Ridge made the rounds of morning news shows a day after the Department of Homeland Security issued a new directive giving the government the option of denying access to U.S. airspace to airlines which do not cooperate.

Key Measure of Consumer Confidence Slips

NEW YORK (AP) - A key measure of consumer sentiment slipped in December amid persistent anxiety about the job market, an industry group reported Tuesday. The Conference Board said its consumer confidence index fell to 91.3, following a surge in November to a revised 92.5, its highest level in more than a year. The numbers released Tuesday were below expectations; analysts had forecast the index would come in at 92.2.

Army Drops Cowardice Charge vs. Soldier

FORT CARSON, Colo. (AP) - The Army dropped a charge of dereliction of duty against a Special Forces interrogator who was accused of cowardice, but the soldier's military career is still in limbo. Staff Sgt. Georg-Andreas Pogany, 32, was awaiting word from prosecutors on whether the case was over or if he still faced a court-martial, his lawyer said Monday.

Chaplain's thought for the day...

Change

One can change the time on a clock either by moving the hands or by moving the main wheel. And just as it is better to change the time by moving the inner mechanism, so it is better to move a man - whether oneself or another person--by influencing his consciousness.

- Leo Tolstoy in his essay *Why Do Men Stupefy Themselves?* Christianity Today, Vol. 33, no. 9.

And in other news...

Neb. Woman Ticketed for Being Nude on Net

By KEVIN O'HANLON, Associated Press Writer
LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) -- It may be legal to appear naked in cyberspace, but police ticketed a Lincoln woman for posting nude pictures of herself on the Web that were taken in a downtown bar.

Melissa J. Harrington, 21, was ticketed Monday for violating Lincoln's public nudity ordinance by posting pictures on her Web site "showing her naked at one of our downtown bars and in several other locations around the city," Police Chief Tom Casady said.

"It's unlawful to be naked in public in Lincoln," he said.

Harrington, who works as a Web designer at a local Bank, says on her Web site that she likes "being naked in public ... even more when there's a lot of people there to watch."

"They're not going to stop me from doing what I'm doing. I enjoy what I do and they really don't have any grounds" to prosecute the case, she said.

Her Web site is linked to another showing explicit pictures of women who purportedly are college students in Nebraska.

Casady said no one has been ticketed in connection with those pictures because it is not apparent where they were taken.

"Some of them are clearly stock photos that someone has gotten from some place else," he said. "Some of them, you just can't tell where they are."

In Harrington's case, Casady said it is obvious that the photos were taken inside the Marz Intergalactic Shrimp and Martini Bar.

The owner of the bar, Jerry Luth, told Omaha television station KETV he is extremely upset by the pictures and did not give Harrington permission to shoot the pictures at the bar.

"I'm the one who called police to complain about the nude pictures," said Luth.

Casady said the police department planned to send a letter to the state Liquor Control Commission to see if the bar violated any state laws.

Harrington was to be arraigned in Lancaster County Court on Jan 29. If convicted, she faces a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a \$500 fine.

Safety message...

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THEY ARE NOT A LUXURY, THEY ARE
REQUIRED BY REGULATION

• • UNLESS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED,

ALL SOLDIERS WILL WEAR A SEAT BELT,
EVEN IN A TACTICAL VEHICLE.

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0.125		ESPNEWS	FAITH HILL	BOB THE BUILDER	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	0.125
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0.208			STORYTELLERS : - MATCHBOX20	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW	HANNITY & COLMES	0.208
0.25			JUSTIN IN MEMPHIS	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	THE NEWS WITH BRIAN WILLIAMS	0.25
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0.292			SANTANA - SANTANA: SUPERNATURAL LIVE	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	0.292
0.309				GUIDING LIGHT		0.309
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Today in history...

December 31, 1879

EDISON DEMONSTRATES INCANDESCENT LIGHT:

In the first public demonstration of his incandescent light bulb, American inventor Thomas Alva Edison lights up a street in Menlo Park, New Jersey. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company ran special trains to Menlo Park on the day of the demonstration in response to public enthusiasm over the event.

Although the first incandescent lamp had been produced 40 years earlier, no inventor had been able to come up with a practical design until Edison embraced the challenge in the late 1870s. After countless tests, he developed a high-resistance carbon-thread filament that burned steadily for hours and an electric generator sophisticated enough to power a large lighting system.

Born in Milan, Ohio, in 1847, Edison received little formal schooling, which was customary for most Americans at the time. He developed serious hearing problems at an early age, and this disability provided the motivation for many of his inventions. At age 16, he found work as a telegraph operator and soon was devoting much of his energy and natural ingenuity toward improving the telegraph system itself. By 1869, he was pursuing invention full-time and in 1876 moved into a laboratory and machine shop in Menlo Park, New Jersey.

Edison's experiments were guided by his remarkable intuition, but he also took care to employ assistants who provided the mathematical and technical expertise he lacked. At Menlo Park, Edison continued his work on the telegraph, and in 1877 he stumbled on one of his great inventions--the phonograph--while working on a way to record telephone communication. Public demonstrations of the phonograph made the Yankee inventor world famous, and he was dubbed the "Wizard of Menlo Park."

Although the discovery of a way to record and play back sound ensured him a place in the annals of history, the phonograph was only the first of several Edison creations that would transform late 19th-century life. Among other notable inventions, Edison and his assistants developed the first practical incandescent light bulb in 1879 and a forerunner of the movie camera and projector in the late 1880s. In 1887, he opened the world's first industrial research laboratory at West Orange, where he employed dozens of workers to investigate systematically a given subject.

Perhaps his greatest contribution to the modern industrial world came from his work in electricity. He developed a complete electrical distribution system for light and power, set up the world's first power plant in New York City, and invented the alkaline battery, the first electric railroad, and a host of other inventions that laid the basis for the modern electrical world. One of the most prolific inventors in history, he continued to work into his 80s and acquired 1,093 patents in his lifetime. He died in 1931 at the age of 84.